

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4346

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 312-318 North Howard Street
and/or common Cookies (#312) and Mini Bazaar/New York Gold
Exchange (#318)

2. Location

street & number 312-318 N. Howard Street ☐ not for publication
city, town Baltimore ☐ vicinity of ☐ congressional district Seventh
state Maryland ☐ county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Aaron and Lillie Straus Foundation Inc.
street & number 6301 Stevens Forest Road telephone no.:
city, town Columbia MD 21045
state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, Baltimore City Courthouse liber
street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 folio
city, town Baltimore state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title
date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local
depository for survey records
city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count 1:

These two commercial buildings face east on N. Howard Street and abut two partywall structures. The facades of these two buildings have been completely remodelled circa 1960 so as to visually unify the upper stories of the units into one block. The street frontage is 65'7" and the depth is 120'.

The first story is divided into two unequally-sized store fronts of glass curtain walls. The unit to the south (#312) is divided into two large bays. The first bay contains the large plate glass display windows. The second bay contains the deeply recessed entrance. The entrance contains a two pairs of glass double doors with fixed transom and sidelights. The second bay extends into the northern half of the facade. It also contains a second glass display window. Red glazed tiles embellish the wall along the bottom of the display cases and the door surrounds, and covers the free-standing post that stands in front of the double doors to support the upper stories.

The unit to the north (#318) is divided into three bays with a recessed entry way in the second bay, flanked by display windows in the first and third bays. Pink imitation granite tiles edge the window surrounds.

A fabric awning runs across the first story facade of both units.

The second and third stories are completely blank. They are covered with two rows of four large concrete panels. The only embellishment are two plastic sign boards affixed to the second story.

A yellow brick wall rises above the roof over the first (south) unit. It appears to be the original parapet wall of the unit before it was remodelled. The yellow brick suggests a post-1900 date of construction for the underlying shell. The parapet wall is embellished by two horizontal bands of recessed brick. The cornice of the shed roof is a flat stone coping.

The back (west) wall faces the alley (State Street). The wall is divided into three large bays; the center section is three stories and the flanking bays are four. The wall has been rebuilt in sections with cinder blocks and brick. The first (north) bay is blank except for a large loading dock in the first story. The middle bay has a small window, two doors, and a blocked door. The third bay has two cellar windows and a door in the first story. The second story has four windows. The third and fourth stories also have windows, but the first two bays are blocked up.

The interior of #312 is finished with wallboard and acoustic tile ceiling.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The original structure has been so completely altered that the original date, and thus its significance, is difficult to determine. Rather, the building's significance must be seen in terms of what the 20th-century commercial alterations tell about the Howard Street district. The fact that the building was remodelled suggests that it was in a neighborhood with some commercial vitality that would make the effort worth while. The remodelling is clearly commercial, and not residential or manufacturing, in intent. The blank facade above the first story, composed of concrete panels, is an example of low-budget commercial remodellings during the circa 1960s. The upper story windows were covered over, apparently no longer valued for the light or ventilation they would provide and no longer valued for the type of then-outdated commercial aesthetic they expressed. The blank facade thus attests to improvements in mechanical and electrical systems as well as changes in the use of these upper story spaces.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Richard Longstreth, The Buildings of Main Street (Washington: Preservation Press, 1987).

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Baltimore East Quad

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
301-514-7600

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:
Modern Period, 1930-~~P~~resent

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture
Economics

Resource Type:
Building

Historic Environment:
Urban

Historic Function and Use:
Commercial

Known Design Source:
None

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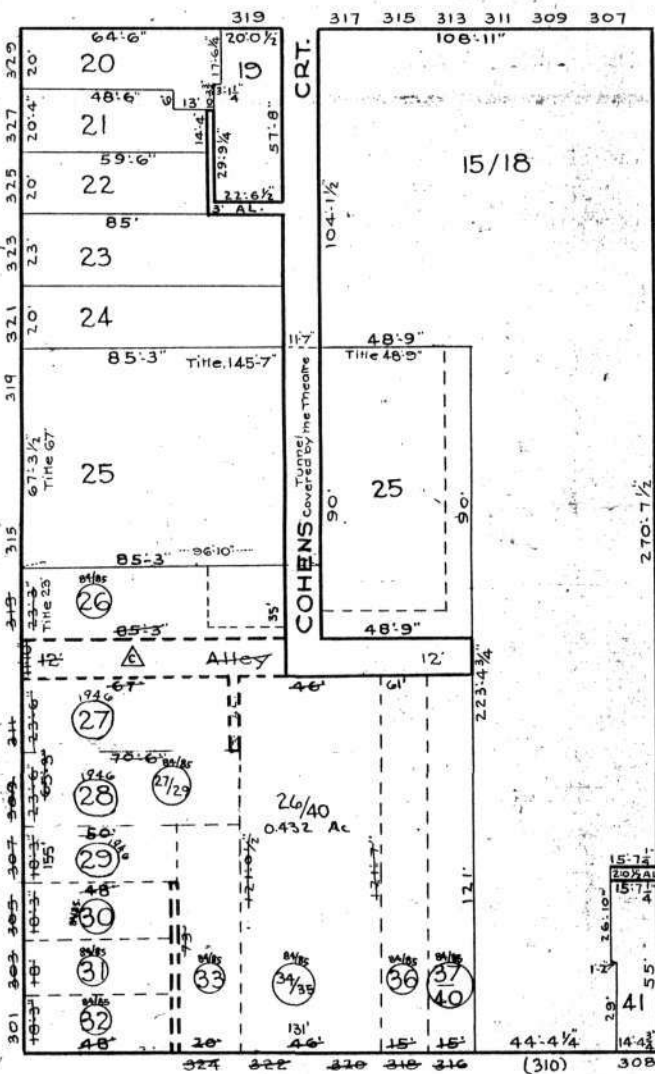
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 Lots 42/47, 48, Ass'd. in R.S.C. Per Def A, C. Sh. 5278.
 Lots 12, 13, 14 Consid Per App. C. Sh. 8880
 Lots 5/6, 7 Consid Per App. C. Sh. 9440
 Lot 26 THRU 37/40. CONSID PER APP'S IN FIELD C. Sh. 85-203

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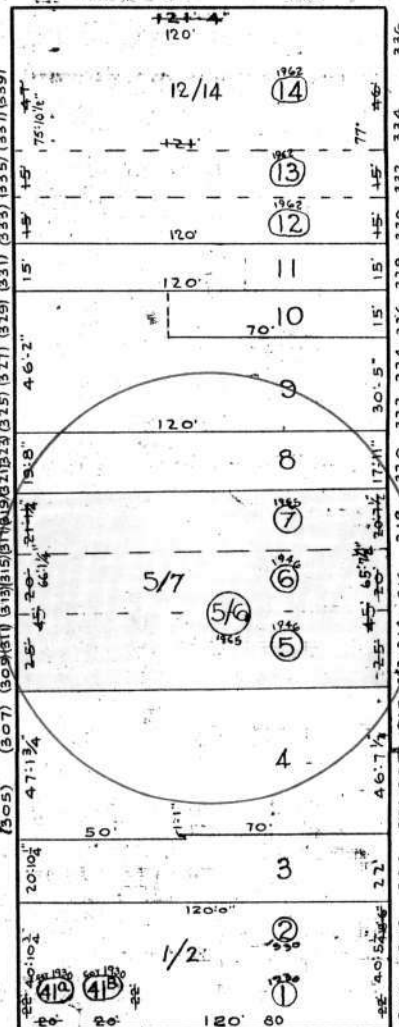
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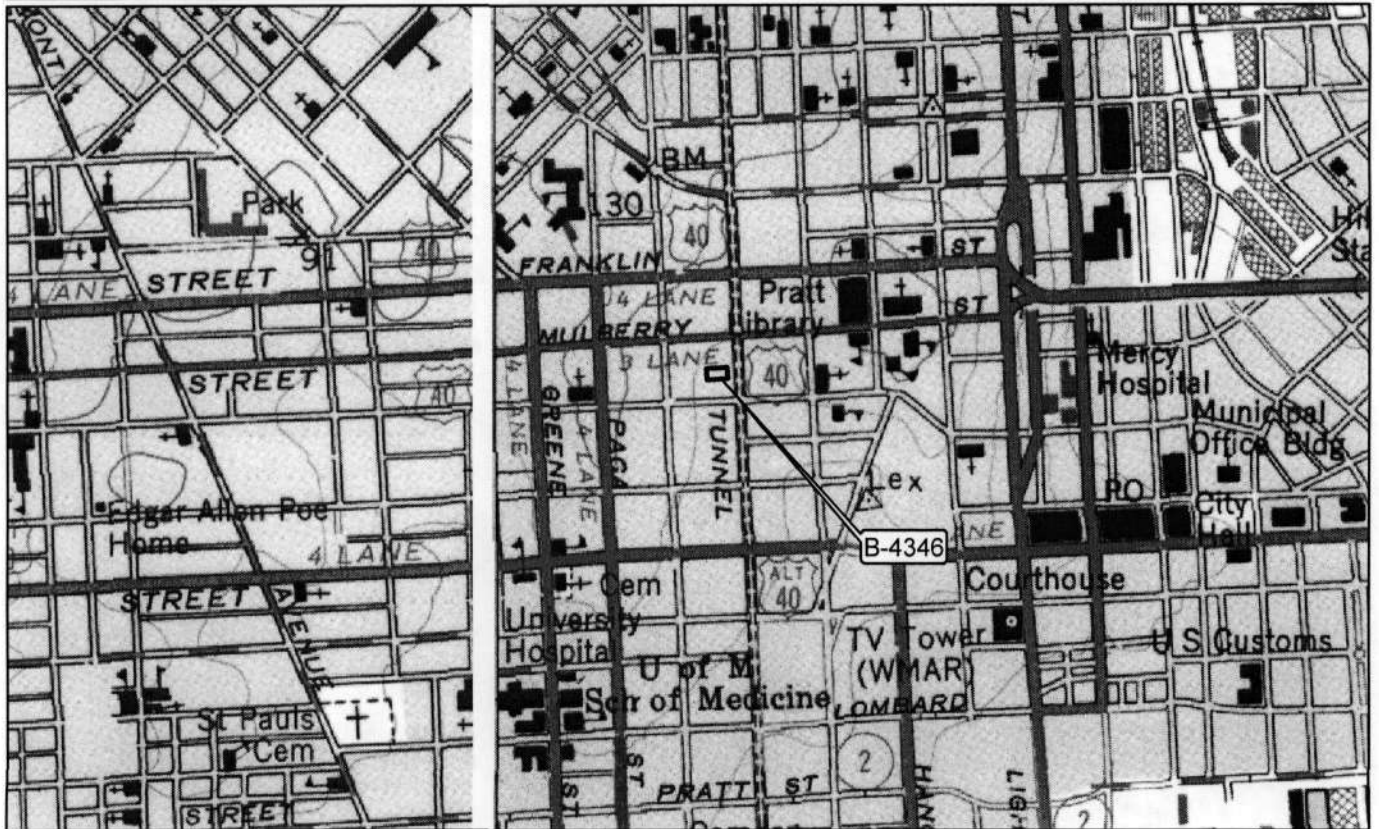


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STATE



GIS data Courtesy of
the City of Baltimore, MOIT/EGIS





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Baltimore MD

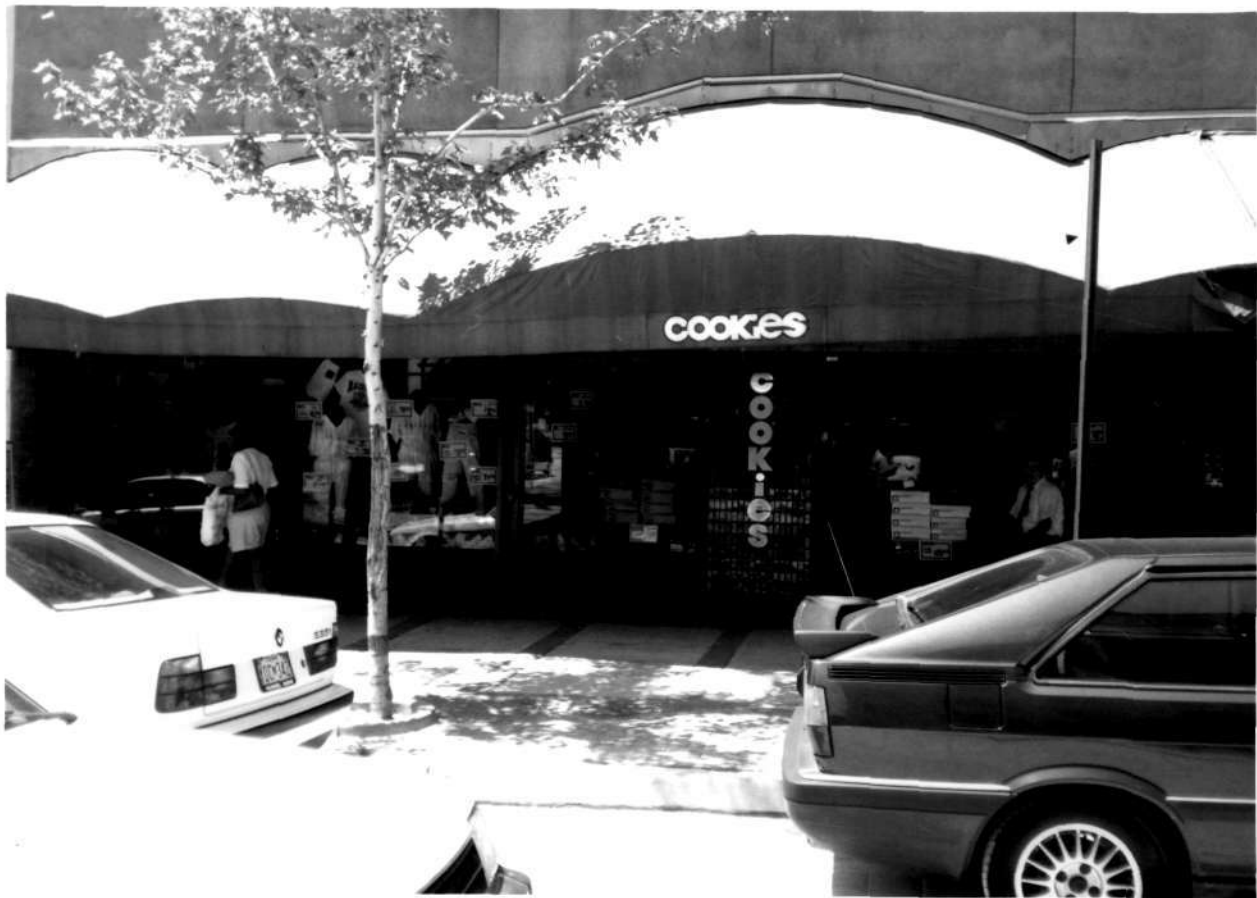
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Facade, east elevation

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Facade, detail

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312 - 318 N Howard St. Rear Alley

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Rear alley, 300 block N. Howard (west elevation)

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